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SPRING CREEK TRAIL #2068

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 5.8 miles

Beginning Elevation: 8,000

Ending Elevation: 10,080

Access:

- From Rifle, head east on I70 for 14 miles. At the New Castle exit, turn left at the ramp and follow signs into New Castle. At 7th Street (County Road #245), turn right and follow for approximately 2 miles. Turn right on East Elk Road (#241) and follow it to East Elk Trailhead. Follow the trail for 3.2 miles. At Spring Creek, bear to the right beyond the stream to find the trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

The trail is steep, but provides access up the main section of Spring Creek. There is excellent fishing in this area. Picturesque canyon walls, and cascading water falls attribute to spectacular views. This area has been regarded as one of the best elk calving habitats in the state. Travel can be made by horse, but lower sections of the trail can be hazardous. Use caution.

Attractions:

The first 1.5 miles of the trail are moderately steep but it becomes increasingly difficult in the two miles of trail which ascend to the ridge. Once over the ridge top, the trail begins to level off and passes through a series of meadows.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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